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Message: Proposed amendment to claims 1, 8, 9, 20, 24, 25 and 34 regarding 112 1st and 2nd rejections is attached. The following changes are proposed: (1) "at least one" has been inserted or deleted as necessary in claims 1, 24, and 25 to provide proper antecedent basis; (2) "said", "the", "an" or "an" has been corrected in claims 1, 8, 9, and 20; (3) "it" has been replaced by --said tool-- to clarify the claim language, and (4) "production" has been changed to --reproduction-- in claim 34. The applicant is willing to change "production" to --duplication--, if the Examiner believes this word would be better describe the invention.

Please call me at (703) 683-0500. Thank you. Christine Oda,